

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting May 20, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

**2. Pledge of Alliance**

**3. Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Councilwoman Laura Atwell, Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice, Mr. Ben Day, Mr. Jon Carras, Mr. Robert Adler and Mr. Ed Pomphrey

Absent: Councilman Clay Kingsbery and Mrs. Laura Tooker

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2021 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

**4. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2021**

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting was made by Mr. Carras and seconded by Vice Chairman Clark. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

**5. Chairman Report**

Chairman Shay acknowledged the request for Historic Preservation Commission Award nominations on the electronic message board.

**6. Sub Committees**

**A. Maintain & Update HPC Website**

- Data collection of properties that will turn 100 in the next five years (Mr. Shay, Mr. Day & Mr. Clark) – In Progress
  - Mr. Adler and Mr. Fitzmaurice reviewing properties to determine eligibility.
  - Add properties turning 100 years old in 2021 (Mr. Shay, Mr. Clark & Mr. Day) - **Completed**

**B. Develop Website Enhancements**

- Line drawings for glossary photos uploaded to website (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mr. Day) - **Completed**

- Rumson historic material uploaded to website (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing

**C. Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing**

**D. Recognize those in the Community who foster Historic Preservation**

- Special plaque for Bingham Hall (Mr. Clark) – Ongoing
  - The Borough Council has approved the plaque for Bingham Hall and has requested a review of the plaque text content prior to placing the order.
  - Placement of plaque on Bingham Hall property - TBD
- 2021 Award Program (Mr. Clark) - Ongoing
  - Content for the Award Program nomination has been provided to the Borough
  - Announcement of the nomination period will be emailed to residents, posted on the electronic message board and the Borough Website.
  - Updated nomination form can now be completed online and sent automatically to designated HPC members.
  - Disclaimer to be added to the nomination form so that residents are aware that participation in the award program places no restrictions on their properties.

**E. Preserve Rumson’s Historic Character (All)**

- Historic Plaque Program announcement will be posted and emailed to residents after the Award Program nomination period is completed.

**F. Continue Current HPC Activities**

- Resource to owners of Historic Homes (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) – Ongoing
- Communicate HPC activities with residents (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
- Communicate with other HPC Groups – (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) - Ongoing

**7. New Business**

- Rumson History Book Volume 3 (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
  - Commission continues to reach out to residents and others for contributions to the book sections.
  - Advisory group meetings have resumed
- Facebook to share Rumson History (Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing
- Moss History Room soft opening (Mrs. Tooker) – TBD
  - Opening date is dependent on the opening of Borough Hall to the public.
- Rumson History Event for 2022 (Mr. Carras) – Ongoing

- Continue discussions and planning in the Fall

#### **8. Liaison Reports**

Vice Chairman Clark reported that a demo permit was issued for 1 Allencrest Road. This property is on the inventory and considered significant. Photographs and informational documents for 16 N Ward have been received and will be forwarded to Mr. Fitzmaurice.

#### **9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

#### **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 after a motion by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Fitzmaurice.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Laura Atwell for Laura Tooker, Secretary